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## Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Bishop H. Hasbrouck Hughes, Jr.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Bishop H. Hasbrouck Hughes, Jr., Williamsburg, VA, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

O God, we bow in humble adoration before You this day as our Creator, Judge, and Sustainer.

As Creator, You manifest unfathomable power as the source of all life, all matter, all time and space, throughout a universe which knows no bounds.

As our Judge, it is to You we remain accountable, even as we exercise personal and collective judgments each day.

As Sustainer, You provide the natural resources of this bountiful land; and the human resources by which we help, and are helped by, one another. How grateful we are for Your manifold blessings.

Deliver us from approaching any day apart from reliance upon your guidance; especially in bearing the enormous responsibilities of leadership affecting the lives, security, hopes, and dreams, of the Nation's people.

Every Member of this assemblage feels the weight of high office; and today we ask for wisdom and strength as they undertake the tasks before them. May their decisions be harmonious with Your hope for humankind; and may the dream be unfading of a godly nation, where the blessings of liberty, justice, and peace are preserved for all. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT, is recognized.

BISHOP H. HASBROUCK HUGHES, JR.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, before we give the opening script this morning, I yield to the distinguished Senator from Wyoming.

Mr. THOMAS. I want to thank Bishop H. Hasbrouck Hughes, Jr., for being here. Bishop Hughes has just retired from 8 years as the resident bishop of the Florida Conference of Methodist Churches. He has served nearly 40 years in various capacities in Virginia. Most importantly of all, the bishop's daughter, Kathi Wise, works for us in our office, and has been on the Hill for 18 years. We are very proud of her and very pleased to have you here, sir.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, this morning the Senate will begin 3 hours of debate on H.R. 3396, the Defense of Marriage Act. At 12:30, following the debate, the Senate will recess until 2:15 today for the weekly party conferences to meet. At 2:15 following the recess, the Senate will begin two consecutive rollcall votes with the first being on the adoption of the Defense authorization conference report and the second on passage of the Defense of Marriage Act.

Following those votes, there will be 30 minutes for debate equally divided before there is a vote on S. 2056, the Employment Nondiscrimination bill. The Senate will then begin consideration of the Treasury-Postal appropriations bill with additional votes expected on that bill as we attempt to finish the remaining appropriations

measures hopefully in the next 2 weeks.

As a reminder, there will be a joint meeting beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesday to hear an address by Prime Minister Bruton of Ireland. All Members are asked to be in the Senate Chamber at 9:40 a.m. so we may proceed to the House of Representatives for that address.

### SERGEANT AT ARMS GREG CASEY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, last Friday the Senate did adopt a resolution naming Greg Casey of Idaho to be the new Sergeant at Arms. It is a pleasure for me to be able to recognize Greg Casey. I think most Senators are familiar with him. He has been around Capitol Hill for a long time and has worked with Senator CRAIG and has been very close to Senator KEMPTHORNE. He has been very helpful in setting up the administrative operation in my office as leader.

With his background in Idaho, in business and government, I feel he will be an excellent Sergeant at Arms. He has a mighty responsibility of working with Senators on both sides of the aisle to make sure that we operate as efficiently and honestly as we possibly can. I am convinced that he will do an excellent job.

I yield to Senator CRAIG for comments in regard to his former chief of staff.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. INHOFE). The Senator from Idaho.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, let me thank the majority leader for yielding this morning and reflect on the wise and judicious decision of the majority leader to choose my chief of staff, Greg Casey, to become the new Sergeant at Arms of the U.S. Senate.

As the majority leader mentioned, Mr. President, Greg and I and Senator KEMPTHORNE go back a good many

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